

Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants
October 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Members Present: Johnny Presley, PA-C,
Johnny Nowlin, PA-C,
James Montag, PA-C,
Gary Tauxe, OPA,
Anne Arney, Public Member,
Omar Nava, PA-C

Member(s) Not Present: Jonathan White, PA-C

Staff Present: David Hoffman, Administrator,
Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director,
Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Johnny Presley, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The Chairman determined that a sufficient number of committee members were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. James Montag made a motion to approve the July 8, 2011 minutes. Ms. Arney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Manager's Report

Ms. Otto reported for the Unit Manager on the activities in the administrative office between July 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011.

88 new applications, 61 new licenses, 2 reinstatements. Online renewals were sixty-six percent (66%). The number of active licensees as of September 30, 2011 was 1,268 and the total number of active licensees with a Tennessee mailing address was 1,104. The total of active licensees with a Tennessee practice address is 740. The total number of Orthopedic Physician Assistants as of September 30, 2011 was 24.

OGC Report

Ms. Andrea Huddleston, Assistant General Counsel, informed the Committee that the Office of General Counsel has ten open files on eight respondents. A rulemaking hearing

was held July 9, 2010 regarding amendments to Rule 0880-03-.06, Fees; Rule 0880-03-.15, Disciplinary Grounds, Actions, and Civil Penalties; Rule 0880-10-.06, Fees and Rule 0880-10-.15, Disciplinary Grounds, Actions, and Civil Penalties. The rule packet was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General and has been signed. The Office of General Counsel is waiting for permission from the Governor's office to file these rules. Also, Emergency rules necessitated by Public Chapter 340 (regarding registration of pain clinics) have been promulgated by the Commissioner.

Financial Report

Ms. Rosemarie Otto reported that the Committee can anticipate a surplus of nearly \$12,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

Investigation & Disciplinary Report

Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported for the Director of Investigation that for September there were a total of 2 new complaints received in the Office and 9 complaints were closed. Three complaints were closed with no action, 2 closed with a letter of concern, and 4 were forwarded to the Office of General Counsel.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) Report

Mike Harkreader reported that from July 1, 2011 through September 16, 2011, they monitored 11 individuals. There was one physician assistant who lost the advocacy of the TNPAP during the same time frame.

Mr. Montag announced that there is a new program opening in Memphis, Tennessee, Christian Brothers University.

Ratification of new licenses

Mr. Montag made a motion to ratify the new licenses, temporary permits, reinstatements and failure to renew. Ms Nowlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following licensees were ratified:

Joyce A. Addo	Seasine Albarran	Jeffery O. Armstrong
Joshua D. Austin	Sarah L. Barnard	David W. Bartel
Melissa Y. Benton	Christina J. Brown	Emily G. Burke
Kenneth A. Byrd	Laura A. Cozzitorto	Jenny L. Creecy
Derek R. Darnell	Ronald L. Flowers	Cheryl G. Flynn
William G. Glover	Stacey L. Groves	Stephen R. Hasselbring
Stephanie N. Heinsch	Bethany N. Hill	Justin E. Hill
Sheryl A. Hill	David C. Hitchcock	Krichele A. Jeffcoach
B. Zachary Johnson	Michael P. Juneau	Bobby C. Kellett
Amber D. King	Jodi J. Lackey	Amy R. Lindquist

George E. Marcus, III
Stephanie M. Murphy
Jennifer L. Odom
Stanley D. Ragsdale
Whitney L. Rogers
Tonya S. Skidmore

Jimmy R. Mauney
Jacob B. Nelson
Alan M. Pecorella
Andrea M. Ramirez
Christy W. Rose
Patricia G. Smith

Justin T. Mizelle
Thao T. T. Nelson
Nicholas J. Pons
Sheila K. Rekus-Johnson
Luanda Y. Siano

Reinstatement licensees ratified:

Maci N. Stephens
John G. Walker

Karen E. Thompson
Amber R. West

Thomas D. Vaughn
Jeffrey L. Wilderson

Mr. Montag made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nava seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m. These minutes were ratified by the Committee on January 13, 2012.